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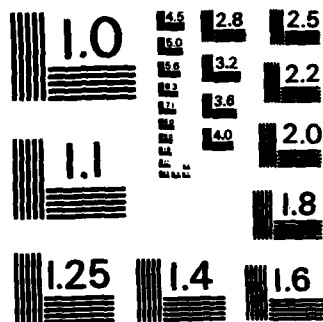
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The following work was accomplished under this contract:

1. Contributions to the Electronic theory of surfaces, interfaces and adsorbed storms on surfaces.

Technical reports 34, 36, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 51.

2. Contribution to the Theory of the electronic structure of liquid metals.

Technical report 35.

3. Local theory of electronic structure of extended systems.

Technical reports 38, 46.

4. Positron interactions with surfaces.

Technical reports 48, 49, 50.

5. Combination of Landau-and Density Functional Theory.

Technical report 52.

6. Theory of fluctuating valence solids.

Technical reports 53, 54, 55.

→ In the following paragraphs ^{are described:} ~~we describe~~ in greater detail work done during the last renewal period of the above contract, 11/1/79 - 4/30/82.

A. → A Universal Model for Surface Energies;

1. Technical report 51.

Surface energy of a solid may be regarded as the reversible work done in clearing and thus creating new surface area. The clearing force, in the initial stage, can be expressed in terms of elastic characteristics (more precisely the phonon spectrum) of the bulk solid; in the final stage (2 new surfaces separated by $\geq 3A$) it can be expressed as a Van-der-Waals like polarization force. A numerical interpolation between these 2 limits can be made. This leads to the result

$$\sigma = \alpha^* (AC)^{1/2}$$

where σ is the surface energy per unit area, A is explicitly given by the bulk-phonon spectrum $\omega(k)$ and C is explicitly given by the bulk dielectric constant $\epsilon(\omega)$. α^* is a universal dimensionless constant. The value $\alpha^* = 0.48$ gives agreement with experimental results to about $\pm 15\%$ for a wide variety of metals.

This "universalist" approach to surface energy has apparently stimulated similar universal proposals for several important physical quantities, such as cohesive and adhesive energies.

B. Positron Scattering from Surfaces;

This work constituted the thesis of J. Oliva, which emphasizes positronium formation. It deals with four distinct processes. a) The positron enters the metal and is thermalized at a distance of the order of $10^3 A$. b) It then undergoes thermal diffusion. c) When reaching the surface again (with probability ~ 1) it is generally reflected back into the metal. d) Eventually

2. Technical reports 48, 49, 50.

when reaching the surface after several reflections it escapes, generally picking up an electron in the process. Positron scattering has now become an important junior partner to electron scattering for the study of solid surfaces.

C. → Narrowing of Hole Bands of Valence Electron Scattering;

This work constituted the thesis of D. Heim. Holes in occupied bands of metals (e.g. the d-band of Zn) are surrounded by a screening band of conduction electrons. This leads to a narrowing of the hole band and to a change of its shape. These calculations have a direct bearing on photoemission experiments. The problem was studied by re-normalization, moment and numerical techniques. A technical report will be prepared.

D. → Dynamics Response of Inhomogeneous Fermion Systems; *AND*

We have developed a theory which combines the Landau theory of Fermi liquids with the Hohenberg-Kohn density functional theory to provide an electric response theory for weakly inhomogeneous electronic systems.

E. → Valence Fluctuation Compounds.

We have made several contributions to the theory of fluctuating valence compounds. a) We have developed a theory to explain the motive of the characteristic first order phase transition of these systems. b) We have clarified the nature of the valence fluctuations at zero temperature. c) We have given an explanation of the extended X-ray fine structure (EXAFS) in a mixed valence solid.

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